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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1650**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : David E. Townsend
Application No. : 09/940,682
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Confirmation No. : 4343
For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING TARGET
MICROORGANISMS IN A SAMPLE

Examiner : Allison M. Ford
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2009, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.